



MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on October 11, 2006, at the East End Community School, Portland, with the following members present: Chair James Carignan, Joyce McPhetres, Ellie Multer, Janet Tockman, Jack Norris, and Jean Gulliver. Excused: Phil Dionne and Ann Weisleder.

Also present were: Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Commissioner Susan Gendron, and Rhonda Casey, Clerk.

CALLED TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; *DESIGN AND FUNDING APPROVAL CONSIDERATION*; SAD #21 NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Statement of Fact: The SAD #21 school construction project received Concept Approval by the State Board of Education on November 9, 2005. The project was approved in local referendum on December 13, 2005. The Design and Funding Approval is being requested pursuant to MRSA Title 20-A.

SAD #21 is requesting Design and Funding Approval for their proposed elementary school construction project qualifying under state statute and the State Board of Education's Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects:

1. The SAD #21 proposed project is eligible for school construction aid under MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 609;
2. The proposed project and the authorized method of financing are in the best interest of the State of Maine and SAD #21;
3. The total estimated capital outlay expenditures are reasonable; and
4. SAD #21's proposed project is in compliance with MRSA Title 20-A, Chapter 3.01.

Project Information:

Project: SAD #21 Elementary School
Superintendent: Dr. Thomas Ward

Principal: Vacant

Architect: Lyndon Keck, Portland Design Team

Concept Approval Date and Project Cost: November 9, 2005; \$14,012,035

Approved for State/Local Debt Service: \$13,511,527

Local Only Funds: \$380,508

Anticipated Maine High Performance School Energy Grant: \$120,000

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education grant Design and Funding Approval to SAD #21 for a Pre-K-5 school Capital Improvement Construction project.

This approval constitutes Design & Funding Approval. Final Funding Approval may be subject to adjustment under Section 15 of the State Board of Education Rules for School Construction Projects, which states:

“When it is determined by the Commissioner, following the opening of school construction bids, that there are surplus funds contained in a project budget, the State Board directs the Department of Education (DOE), with the advice of the Bureau of General Services, to initiate a process to lower the approved State/Local budget amount to the appropriate funding level, thus, providing additional funds for other projects awaiting Concept Approval.”

MOVED by Ellie Multer, seconded by Joyce McPhetres, and voted unanimously by those present to grant Design and Funding Approval to SAD #21 for a Pre-K-5 school Capital Improvement Construction project.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Chair Carignan reported on the following:

- That he will be attending the NASBE Annual Conference in Louisville, Kentucky to present the final report of the Civic Education Task Force. In addition, the Civic Education group brought together seven school teams at two-day retreat on how to create more focus on civic education and engagement.
- That he will be participating on a panel for GrowthSmart with Maggie Drummond.
- That he has been asked to speak with the Cumberland County Superintendents regarding report, The Learning State: Maine Schooling for the 21st Century report.
- That at the request of Senator Mitchell he will be accompanying Commissioner Gendron this evening to attend a meeting of the Augusta Education Subcommittee from 7:00 – 9:30 PM at the University of Maine campus.
- That he, Jean, and Wes Bonney will be meeting with Representative Glenn Cummings and Senator Beth Edmonds on October 27 at the Falmouth Public Library to discuss the report, The Learning State: Maine Schooling for the 21st Century.

- That Commissioner Gendron, Sherry Gould, former Teacher of the Year, and he will be flying to Chicago to attend a meeting of the National Evaluation Systems, which is being held to showcase innovative approaches to education.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

Joyce McPhetres:

- That she accepted a position with Central Maine Health Care as Vice President for Human Resources and that she started her new career two weeks ago.

Janet Tockman:

- That six people have been certified to teach his/her Native American language by their tribes. The next step for these individuals is to now need to send his/her application to the Department of Education, which will be processed and a certificate will be issued.
- That the Certification Committee outlined its work for the next year.
- That on foreign language teacher certification two things; the certification group wants to look at an elementary endorsement, which would make available teachers of foreign language to school children grades K-8.
- That University of New England has been working with Harry Osgood regarding the possibility of a new endorsement, which would be an all “inclusive educator endorsement,” i.e., a general education teacher who is highly trained in special education. These teachers would be able to handle any and every child they may have in their classroom. Ground breaking recognizing the push for mainstreaming all children. They want to be innovating and we want to be their partner in doing this.
- That on Monday two public hearings will be held to hear testimony on Chapter 115 and Chapter 118. The hearings are scheduled to occur in the ATM Room 103 of the Cross State Office Building from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. Chapter 115 will be heard first from 2:00 – 3:00 PM and Chapter 118 will follow from 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

Jean Gulliver:

- That she and Jim met with staff from the Department to begin discussions for rulemaking for Chapter 61, Rules for School Construction.

Jack Norris:

- That he has volunteered to participate in a NASBE Study Group via telephone.
- That he continues to contemplate the idea of continuing with the Making the Grade Award application as it exists or to tie the criteria for the application to the

recommendations in the report, The Learning State: Maine Schooling for the 21st Century.

ADJOURNMENT:

State Board of Education unanimously agreed to adjourn the October 11, 2006, meeting at 4:00 p.m.